

# Application for 2015-2016 IDOE Student Advisory Council

DEADLINE: September 4, 2015

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) invites high school juniors from around the state to apply for membership on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SAC). The purpose of the SAC is to research issues and advise the Superintendent of Public Instruction on matters that are of concern to students in the state. Membership is apportioned by congressional district, with each Indiana congressional district having one student representative that serves on the council until their graduation from high school. Additionally, one student is selected statewide to serve as an at-large member of the council. Twice per year the SAC meets with IDOE staff and the Superintendent. As part of the program, students will be paired with their principal as a mentor throughout the year.

To view a map of Indiana's congressional districts [click here](#).

***Currently, the IDOE is accepting applications from students in Congressional Districts 3, 4, 8 and 9.***

## Membership Requirements

- High school junior with an interest in improving Indiana education policy
- Good academic standing
- The recommendation of your high school principal
- Ability to attend two meetings in Indianapolis per school year (Mid-October and Late February)
- Ability to attend any additional virtual meetings that may be needed

## Application Process

Each Indiana high school is invited to submit a student application for the SAC. In order to ensure high-quality applications, IDOE asks that each high school only submit one application. Applications should be submitted by your high school's principal to [studentadvisorycouncil@doe.in.gov](mailto:studentadvisorycouncil@doe.in.gov) no later than Friday, September 4, 2015.

Please include the following information in your application:

- Student's name, congressional district, email address and grade level
- School corporation, school name, school address and phone number
- Your principal's name, email address and a brief recommendation indicating why the student should be a member of the SAC
- In no more than 350 words, answer the following questions in an essay.
  1. If there was one thing you could improve about education in Indiana, what would it be?  
What education policies and issues are the most important to you?

Please direct any questions about the application process or the Student Advisory Council to Steve Walsh at [swalsh@doe.in.gov](mailto:swalsh@doe.in.gov).